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For. **FIXING STRUCTURE FOR FIXING A PIN TO A LINK IN A CATERPILLAR**

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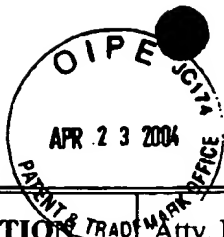
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